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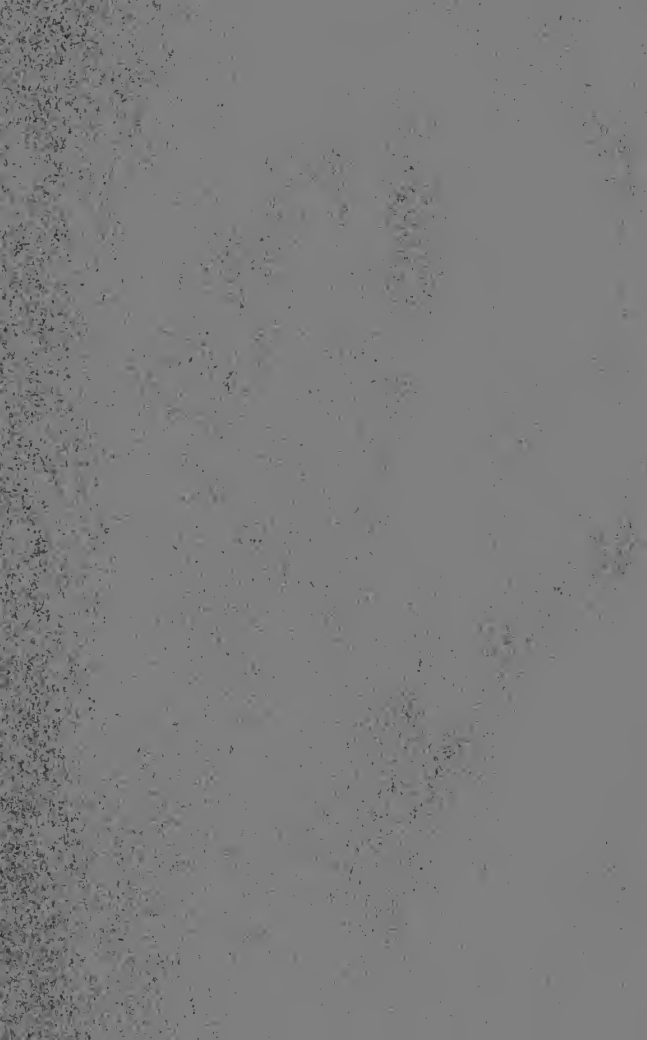


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## CONSTITUTION AND BY - LAWS

OF THE

Twentieth Ward Institute.

CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE 1.—The Association shall be known as the Twentieth Ward Institute.

ARTICLE 2.—All persons of good moral character, willing to subscribe to the rules and regulations of the Institute, shall be deemed eligible for membership.

ARTICLE 3.—The officers shall consist of a Board of thirteen Directors, elected by ballot, by a majority vote of the members of the Institute and who shall choose from their number a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer and a Librarian.

**ARTICLE 4.—The Directors shall be elected**

annually and in the following manner: At least three days before the day of election, the Secretary shall supply each member with a list of the names of all the members; each member shall place a mark opposite the name of his or her choice; the votes shall then be counted by a committee appointed for the purpose. The members receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

ARTICLE 5.—One-fourth of the entire members shall constitute a quorum at all sessions of the Institute, in case of the acceptance of any business transactions of the Board of Directors. Any number of the members of the Institute shall be considered a quorum, when assembled for purposes of mutual improvement.

ARTICLE 6.—A majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and all business transactions shall be decided by a majority vote of said quorum.

ARTICLE 7.—Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be temporarily filled by appointment of the President, until the next meeting of the Board of Directors, when nominations shall be made by the members thereof, which nominations shall be voted upon by ballot at the next regular meeting of the members. .

ARTICLE 8.—This Constitution, as well as

the by-laws, may be amended, as often and as much as may be deemed advisable, but only by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the members.

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## BY - L A W S .

ARTICLE 1.—Any person desiring to become a member of the Institute must have the written recommendation of two members when he or she may be admitted.

ARTICLE 2.—The admission fee shall be Fifty cents and each individual on presentation to the Secretary, of the Treasurer's receipt, for that amount, shall receive from the Secretary a certificate of membership. Each male member over eighteen years of age shall pay a monthly contribution of twenty-five cents. The monthly contribution of ladies and youths under eighteen years of age shall be ten cents each.

ARTICLE 3.—All sessions of the Institute shall be opened and closed with prayer, and shall be conducted according to the rules of parliamentary usage, so far as known.

ARTICLE 4.—It shall be the duty of the President to be present or to see that one of the Vice Presidents or a Director is present, to preside at all sessions of the Institute.

ARTICLE 5.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to take all minutes and keep records.

He shall also attend to correspondence, as he may be directed by the President and Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys of the Institute, for which he shall give receipts at the time of receiving the same; except for the monthly contributions, of which he shall keep a list. He shall only disburse the funds of the Institute on an order signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary. At the annual meeting, or whenever required by the Board, he shall give a detailed exhibit of the financial affairs of the Institute.

ARTICLE 7.—The Librarian shall superintend the purchasing of all books, periodicals, etc., under the direction of the Board, and shall keep a register of the same.

ARTICLE 8.—Any member of the Institute, deemed guilty of impropriety of conduct, or violation of the spirit and letter of the rules and regulations, may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the members present; but, before action shall be taken on the expulsion of any member, the person charged with misdemeanor shall be notified of such intended action.

ARTICLE 9.—It shall be deemed the duty of all the members, to defend the principles of truth, justice and mercy, and to religiously abstain from speaking evil of their fellow-

members, or lightly of anything deemed sacred by them.

ARTICLE 10.—In case of the resignation or expulsion of any member, the party resigning, or being expelled, shall be required to deliver up his or her certificate of membership to the Secretary of the Institute.

ARTICLE 11.—The non-attendance of any member, longer than three months, from the meetings of the Institute, and the neglect of the payment of his or her monthly dues, shall render him or her liable to expulsion unless a satisfactory excuse be rendered to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 12.—All moneys paid to the Treasurer, also books or any other articles acquired by donation or purchase immediately become the property of the Institute, and cannot be reclaimed by any member or his or her party subscribing, donating or paying the same.

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## HISTORICAL DATA.

The Twentieth Ward Institute was organized January 20th, 1873, its object being the intellectual, moral, social and religious improvement of its members.

The following were elected a Board of Directors or executive committee for the first year (1873)—John Nicholson, President; S. W.

Sears, First Vice President, John Sharp Jr. Second Vice President; W. H. Tovey, Secretary; C. R. Savage, Treasurer; Karl G. Maeser, Librarian, and W. L. N. Allen, James Sharp, R. Patrick, John Daynes, Oliver Hodgson, John Squires, Jr. and R. Maeser, Directors.

Bishop John Sharp and his Councilors, Elders W. C. Dunbar and W. L. N. Allen, are ex-officio honorary President and Vice Presidents of the Institute. They are also actual members.

On the 20th of January, 1874, the officers elected for the succeeding year (1874) were: John Nicholson, President; W. L. N. Allen, First Vice President; G. M. Ottinger, Second Vice President; W. H. Tovey, Secretary, H. Pusey, Assistant Secretary; C. R. Savage, Treasurer; Karl G. Maeser, Librarian; and S. W. Sears, George Reynolds, O. Hodgson, Herbert J. Foulger, Joseph F. Simmons and C. W. Stayner, Directors.

On account of other pressing duties, which precluded the possibility of his attending promptly to those connected with the offices of Director and Secretary, W. H. Tovey, on February 12th, 1874, tendered his resignation of those positions. On Thursday, February 26th, 1874, James Sharp was elected to fill the vacancy thus created in the Board of Directors, and Herbert J. Foulger was elected Secretary.

During the first year, 1873, the Institute was composed entirely of gentlemen, but, at the beginning of the second year (1874) ladies were declared eligible for membership.

The meetings, of the Institute which have been generally well attended, have produced the most gratifying results, public free lectures are frequently delivered under its auspices.

The Organization at this date, March 26th, 1874, numbers 125 members, 105 of whom are gentlemen and 20 ladies. A bookcase has been specially made and a Library commenced for the benefit of the members of the Institute, and which comprises now about sixty vols. mostly valuable works.

It is the understood duty of all members to interest themselves in obtaining contributions of Books for the Library and to donate works themselves, as far as they are able.

On March 23d, 1874, S. W. Sears, on account of other pressing duties, resigned his position as Director, and John Squires, Jr., was elected, March 26th, to fill the vacancy thus created in the Board.

